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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

KIKUCHI et al.

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For: AN AUTO-CRUISE APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 11, 12 and 13 as follows:

11. (Amended) An auto-cruise apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1, 2, 7, 8 or 9, wherein said set vehicle speed is set to a current vehicle speed when said vehicle-to-vehicle distance control mode is switched to said constant vehicle speed mode.

12. (Amended) An auto-cruise apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 1, 2, 7, 8 or 9, further comprising preceding vehicle determination means for determining a preceding vehicle that said subject vehicle should follow,

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